comprising the steps of: [whereby]

- [--] routing a service call from a communication terminal equipment [(CPE)] to a communication server [(SERVER)] via the communication network [is] first [routed] to the specific network element [(SCP)] by a service switching point; [(SSP), characterized in that]
- [--] performing [the] negotiation [occurs] before [the] setup of <u>a</u> [the] payload connection with a network element [(SCP)] provided for this purpose that differs from the communication server; [and]
- [--] in addition to an [the] address of a [the] service provider, entering a [the SCP also enters the] final quality of service parameters of the connection into the data structure belonging to this service call by the network element; and
- [--] informing the communication server [(SERVER) is informed] of [the] quality of service parameters that are ultimately effective for the connection setup.
- 2.(Amended) A method [Method] according to patent claim 1, <u>further</u> comprising the steps of: [characterized in that the]
- communicating possible values of the quality of service parameters [are communicated] to the network element [SCP] upon establishment of a new service in the communication network; and [are]
- electronically storing the possible values of the quality of service parameters at the network element [stored thereat].

## IN THE ABSTRACT

In line 1, after "Abstract" insert -- of the Disclosure--; and delete line 3.

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